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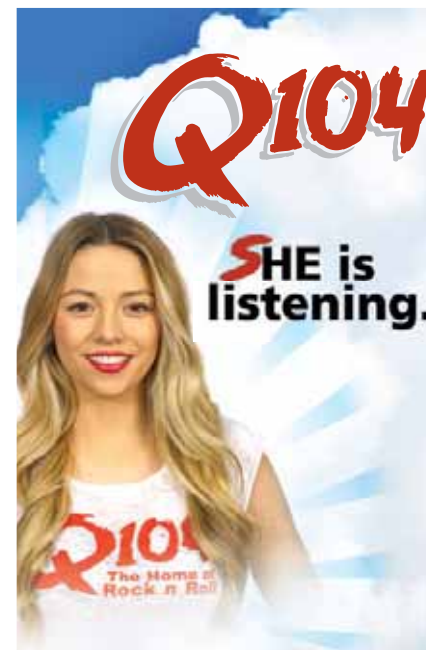
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'Something has to be done': Mother

School bullying.

Dartmouth woman worries about kids in light of Rehtaeh Parsons suicide

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A mother who has pulled two of her children out of a Dartmouth school says there needs to be more education around bullying in the early grades before it's "too late."

Melinda Ross wiped tears away from behind her glasses as she spoke about her kids' troubles with bullies.

"Something has to be done," Ross said in her family living room, with her daughter, Alyssa, 11, and sons, Joshua, 12, and Blake, 9, sitting quietly nearby.

"We should be able to send our kids to school and be comfortable enough in knowing that they're going to be safe and not tormented, not hurt."

Ross is speaking out in light of the recent suicide death of Rehtaeh Parsons, who killed herself after relentless bullying. She said



Melinda Ross sits with her son Josh, 12, and her daughter Alyssa, 11, at their Dartmouth home on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

that two years ago, Josh, who has special needs, was bullied for about six months by a group of boys who called him names and eventually slammed a door into his head.

She said she had spoken

with teachers at Ian Forsyth Elementary about the bullying and was told things were being "put in place" to protect Josh, but the bullying continued and in June of 2011 she pulled him out of school.

In the past three weeks, Ross said, Alyssa has been bullied by a couple of girls as well, and is pulling her daughter out of school because she's worried the stress could trigger Alyssa's epilepsy.

Doug Hadley of the Halifax Regional School Board said they were only informed about Alyssa's problem on Tuesday, and teachers are "actively" looking to address Ross's concerns.

Plea

"Teach our kids, make them see what they're doing. Teach them some responsibility."

Melinda Ross

"One of the things when we're talking about ... bullying is breaking the code of silence," Hadley said.

"Students shouldn't feel that they have to suffer. They need to talk to someone."

The Ross family moved to a new house two weeks ago so Alyssa could be in the Admiral Westphal Elementary School area, where Josh is now "thriving" in the smaller school.

Ross said she's speaking out because she feels the anti-bullying tactics in school aren't working.

She added that her fear is that what happened with Rehtaeh Parsons could eventually happen with her own daughter.

"Don't wait, because if not (now) it could be too late by the time they hit junior high and high school," she said.

"It has to start earlier versus later."

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Province to launch unit to investigate cyberbullying

Cyber-Safety Act.

Bullies could have their computers confiscated, face jail time under new legislation

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A six-person investigative unit will handle complaints of cyberbullying as part of new legislation brought forward Thursday by the province.

The announcement at Halifax West High School comes in the wake of the death of Rehtaeh Parsons, a 17-year-old high school student who took her own life following relentless bullying after images of her being allegedly gang-raped were shared on social media.

"In the past few weeks it has become very clear to all of us that cyberbullying is a widespread problem that requires more than just words to fix," Justice Minister Ross Landry

Changing behavior

Justice Minister Ross Landry says the new legislation is about "interruption" when it comes to bullying and spreading awareness.

- "As a government we want to make sure that we change behaviour," he said.

said at the morning announcement.

The investigative unit would be the first of its kind in Canada, Landry says.

According to the province, the new legislation in the Cyber-Safety Act would allow victims to apply to the court for an order to stop someone from cyberbullying.

Judges could order a person not to use electronic means to contact or talk about the victim.

The legislation would also mean judges could order someone to stop using a par-



Justice Minister Ross Landry chats with students at Halifax West High School on Thursday. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

ticular form of social media or electronic communication.

Judges would be able to confiscate electronics, and victims could sue the bully or the bully's parents.

Violation of a protection order would carry a maximum fine of \$5,000 and a jail

term of up to six months.

"And that's just the first violation of the order," Landry said.

It's hoped the new bill will give people like Gary Watson, principal at Halifax West, clearer authority to deal with bullying, even if it doesn't

occur on school property.

Watson blames technology for today's bullying issues.

"Twenty years ago if I wanted to say something bad to you, I'd have to look you in the eye and say it or I'd have to write it on paper, which I wouldn't," he said.

Youth-suicide prevention scam making rounds



Rehtaeh Parsons FACEBOOK

Police in Halifax are warning the public about a fraud scam making the rounds where people present themselves as cops and ask for donations for youth-suicide prevention.

The scam comes in the wake of the suicide of Rehtaeh Parsons, the 17-year-old Cole Harbour high school student who took her life after 18 months of relentless bullying.

"It's unfortunate that some-

one would take advantage of a tragic event to try and gain financial advantage from people," said Halifax Regional Police spokesman Const. Pierre Bourdages. "On top of that, they're using Halifax Regional Police's name in this."

"We believe it's people without any type of conscience," he added.

In the past week, Halifax Regional Police say they have

received several complaints from the public about calls from people claiming to be with either HRP or Halifax Regional Police Service asking for donations to the Golden Shield campaign.

Police say the caller says the campaign is about youth suicide prevention and adding more officers in schools.

Police refer to the scam as "vishing," done for the purpos-

es of obtaining access to bank account or credit card information. Bourdages said they don't believe the scam is local, citing the fact that an improper name for HRP is being used. He said in the past these types of scams have started overseas.

"It's obvious they have no knowledge of Halifax, or even the way Halifax Regional Police name is used," he said.

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Apology to black firefighters signals 'new day': Fire chief



Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency Chief Doug Trussler speaks during a restorative-justice circle at the Gottingen Street YMCA on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Human rights.
Restorative process
ends six years after
original complaint



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Firefighter Robert Gray
paused for a moment and

looked down at the small fire truck in his hand, a crowd of nearly 100 people watching silently.

"Up until the last year and a half I would never have recommended this job to anyone," Gray said. "But in the last 15 months or so, I do enjoy coming to work. It's changed."

On Thursday morning, the human-rights complaint

against HRM and its fire service around racism in the workforce came to an end as members of the Halifax Association of Black Firefighters (HABFF), HRM and the Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission gathered to hear an official apology, and present a plan to end discrimination in the future.

"As an employer, we should have done more to

prepare the work environment to be inclusive and protect you as employees and as people," said HRM fire chief Doug Trussler.

A toy fire truck had been used during the process, and only the person holding it had right to speak.

The complaint was filed by a group of black firefighters back in 2007, detailing several instances of racism



Ray Adekayode, left, and Jermaine Mombourquette, members of the Halifax Association of Black Firefighters, speak to the group on Thursday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

since 2002.

Many incidents involved racial slurs, but the common thread is that followup investigations into the incidents were inadequate.

"Frustration just reached a boiling point. They'd throw processes in, and then wouldn't do them," said Ray Adekayode, one of the firefighters who spoke during the meeting.

Gray added that bringing up the specific acts of racism doesn't help anyone in moving forward.

"Better late than never, but it's still heartfelt," Gray said about the apology. "Sit-

ting here listening to that definitely lifted my spirits, and made me feel better."

The parties also introduced a 26-point plan acknowledging the shortcomings of the service and creating specific ways to ensure racism is eliminated.

Gray said the process started with race-based issues, but the parties also wanted to make a plan that would help all visible minority groups that work within HRM and across the province.

"An opportunity like this only comes by once a career, and we thought we'd make the most of it," Gray said.

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"You get the sense that they don't want you here, and for a long time that was the feeling. We weren't welcomed."

HRM firefighter Robert Gray

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Bayer's Lake. Man caught pulling alleged fraud scam

A Dartmouth man is facing more than 60 fraud-related charges and 65 counts of failing to comply with a probation order dating back three years for an alleged fraud scam.

Jeffrey Archibald Baker, 48, was arrested on Wednesday and held in custody overnight before appearing in court on Thursday.

According to a police release, on April 7 an officer reported a case of fraud at a Bayer's Lake store where a man returned an item he hadn't purchased and was arrested at the scene.

Following that incident, the officer completed a three-week investigation and uncovered more alleged fraud transactions throughout HRM going back to

Charges

132

Total number of charges Jeffrey Archibald Baker is facing.

2010 and exceeding \$10,000.

Police allege the suspect entered a store, picked an item, went to the customer service desk and tried to return it by saying he had lost his receipt.

All told, Baker is charged with 59 counts of fraud under \$5,000, six counts of attempted fraud under \$5,000, one count of theft under \$5,000, one count of assault with a weapon and 65 counts of failing to comply with a probation order. **METRO**

Dartmouth Crossing. Home-decor store robbed

Police say a man robbed a store in Dartmouth Crossing then fled in a stolen car on Wednesday night.

At 7:20 p.m., police were called to the JYSK home-decor store regarding a robbery. Staff told police a man entered the store and demanded they put cash into a bag he was carrying. The man eventually reached

into the cash register and took money before fleeing, police say.

There was no weapon and no one was injured.

The suspect then fled in what was described as a red Ford Fusion sedan. Police say they were able to get a license plate, but it was determined later the car was stolen. **METRO**

Six years later. Remains of missing teen found

The RCMP say they don't believe foul play was involved in the death of Fall River's Emmett Price, whose body was found last week in southeastern New Brunswick, nearly six years after he was reported missing at the age of 12.

Police say Price's skeletal remains were identified through dental records. They were discovered last Friday in a wooded area near Gunningsville Boulevard in Riverview, near Moncton.

"We haven't yet established a cause of death. That is still under investigation," said Const. Damien Theriault of the Codiac RCMP. "All I can say is the evidence that we have recovered at the scene does not point to foul play at this point."

"We are still trying to establish exactly how long the remains were where they were discovered," he added.

While he couldn't pinpoint an exact time frame, Theriault did say it's safe to say the bones



Emmett Price
HALIFAX POLICE HANDOUT

had been there for years.

Halifax RCMP spokesman Cpl. Scott MacRae said next of kin were notified.

"It can hopefully add a sense of closure to the family as this file was open for six years," MacRae said.

At the time of his disappearance on Aug. 8, 2007, police in Halifax said Price left his home in Fall River with no money or identification. Investigators said he also left without his medication for schizophrenia and was last seen in Moncton the following day.

The Mounties are asking for anyone who spoke to the Price around the time he was reported missing to contact them or Crime Stoppers.

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Steven Laffin at Halifax provincial court last year. **METRO FILE**

'Predator' Laffin gets life in prison

Steven Elliott Laffin. Dartmouth man sentenced to life, no parole eligibility until 2023 for second-degree murder of Nadine Taylor

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A Dartmouth man sentenced to second-degree murder was referred to as a "predator" by the judge delivering his sentencing on Thursday.

Steven Elliott Laffin, wearing a blue-and-white plaid shirt, sat motionless as Justice Felix Cacchione made his decision.

"You've shown through your actions ... that you are a

predator, and you are a dangerous one," Cacchione said.

Laffin, 38, was sentenced to an automatic life in prison term with no parole eligibility until October 2023 in the killing of Nadine Taylor, a local sex-trade worker. He pleaded guilty in March to the killing.

The 13-year parole eligibility — a figure jointly recommended by the Crown and defence — is effective from Oct. 19, 2010, when he was first in prison.

Asked if he had anything to say before his sentencing, Laffin turned to Taylor's family in the back of the courtroom.

"I know saying I'm sorry won't do anything ... but I am sorry for everything I have done and for the pain I have caused," Laffin said. "I can understand their sleepless-

ness, their nightmares and the pain that they feel."

But Cacchione didn't believe Laffin's apology. He recommended Laffin undergo a psychiatric assessment.

"Your lack of remorse and insight into your behaviour leave me to conclude that you're either a psychopath or that you have psychopathic tendencies," he said.

When delivering his decision, Cacchione said Laffin's guilty plea and his disclosure of the location of Taylor's body to police this year helped mitigate his sentence.

"If it were not for the fact that this recommendation was made by experienced counsel, and if it were not for the fact that I were bound by precedent and case law, I would be inclined to impose a much harsher sentence."

Other sentences

- In a separate proceeding Thursday, Laffin was also sentenced for four additional crimes in relation to the kidnapping of a woman in August 2010.
- The jail sentences are concurrent, and include four years for kidnapping, nine years for aggravated assault, two years for uttering threats and two years for unlawful confinement.

Taylor disappeared in July 2010. Laffin was charged with her murder that October.

In March, Laffin led police to Taylor's body in East Chetzetcook.

Mother of victim suffers from PTSD

Nadine Taylor's mother choked back tears as she read her victim-impact statement during Thursday's sentencing of Steven Laffin.

"Nadine was my precious

dolly girl: She was pretty, funny, loved people and animals," said Donna Taylor. "She would never turn anyone away who needed help or food."

Taylor said her life has been shattered by the loss of her daughter, and she now suffers from PTSD. The medication to treat her symptoms prevents her from donating

blood or being a bone-marrow donor.

"This disables me to give the gift of life to someone else," she said.

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NSHCC. \$5-million deal reached in orphanage suit

The Nova Scotia Home for Colored Children has agreed to pay \$5 million to former residents of the Dartmouth orphanage after they launched a class-action lawsuit two years ago over allegations of abuse.

The lawsuit involved about 140 former residents who alleged they were physically, sexually and mentally abused by staff at the home over a 50-year period up until the 1980s.

According to terms of the agreement signed on Thursday, the money will be placed in a trust account until a separate class-action lawsuit against the provincial government is resolved.

If that lawsuit is still ongoing a year after the settlement money from the home has been received, the lawyers for the plaintiffs can seek the court's approval of a plan to distribute the funds.

The home has also agreed to co-operate with the plaintiffs as they continue their lawsuit against the provincial government.

A new role

- The home opened in 1921, but its role has evolved over the years. It now promotes the health and well-being of children and families within Nova Scotia's black community.

The agreement is still subject to approval during a settlement hearing scheduled for June 10 before the Nova Scotia Supreme Court in Halifax.

In December, Halifax police and the RCMP announced they would not be laying criminal charges in the case after concluding there was not enough evidence to support the allegations.

Premier Darrell Dexter promised in a throne speech last month that his government would set up an independent panel to review the accusations. Details of that review have not been released. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Boy, 16, charged in North Preston shooting

Gun violence.

Victim, 15, is in stable condition in hospital

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A 16-year-old boy faces charges in the shooting of a 15-year-old in North Preston last week.

Halifax police said Wednesday that the 16-year-old was arrested and appeared in Halifax provincial court on Thursday.

He is charged with attempted murder and firearm-related offences.

Halifax RCMP spokesman Cpl. Scott MacRae said public co-operation helped lead to the arrest but added there's still more information to be gleaned.

He didn't rule out the possibility of more arrests and further charges.

Victim is a boxer

- Raheem Downey trains with the Scotia's Best Amateur Boxing Club in Bayer's Lake, according to his boxing coach, Robert Cave. He is focused on qualifying for the Canadian National Championships and, eventually, the Olympics.

"We continue to ask people to come forward so we can try to stamp out this type of activity in our community," he said.

MacRae wouldn't comment on what led to the shooting. "Everything has a reason, no doubt, why it happens, but at this time I don't have information to say if it was random or related to something else," he said.

Raheem Downey, 15, was rushed to hospital on the evening of April 15 after he was shot on a basketball court



Police say public co-operation helped lead to the arrest of a teen in a shooting in North Preston on April 15. JEFF HARPER/METRO

near the North Preston Community Centre at about 5 p.m. MacRae said Thursday that he is still in hospital and in stable condition.

Downey is a talented local boxer who attends Cole Harbour High and is very close to his family, his aunt told Metro after the shooting.



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Dexter puzzled by Ottawa's take on MacIntosh case

Stemming back to the 1970s. Province conducting its own review in the case of Ernest Fenwick MacIntosh

Premier Darrell Dexter said he can't understand why Ottawa is ruling out a public

inquiry into the case of Ernest Fenwick MacIntosh after Canada's top court concluded it took too long to bring sex offence charges against him to trial.

Federal Justice Minister Rob Nicholson said Thursday he has no plans for an inquiry, a decision Dexter said his government will try to change.

"The facts of the case are deeply disturbing, so why

would you not agree to some kind of review?" Dexter said.

He said the province's request for an inquiry was not intended to assign blame.

"Whenever there is a failure in a system there is a tendency in that system to want to defend themselves. That's not the function of a review and that is not what politicians should be doing."

On Tuesday, the Supreme Court of Canada rejected the

Crown's appeal of a lower court ruling that tossed out 17 sex offence convictions against MacIntosh.

The court said the provincial Crown took too long to bring the former Cape Breton businessman to trial on charges involving boys in the 1970s.

MacIntosh was working in India when the allegations first surfaced in 1995, but he wasn't extradited to Canada

until 2007 and didn't go to trial until 2010.

Nicholson said Thursday that when the federal Conservatives came to power, they acted swiftly to have MacIntosh extradited.

"This matter was expedited after we came into office," he said. "A request for extradition was made in July of 2006 and within a year the individual was returned to Canada." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



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Pleading their case

Regulator to hear appeal of N.S. wind farm next month

Opponents of a wind farm in Lunenburg County will plead their case before the province's Utility and Review Board next month.

Friends of South Canoe are appealing approval of the \$200-million South Canoe project by the Municipality of the District of Chester.

Council voted last month to enter into a development agreement for the wind farm.

The project will have 34 turbines and be built on property between Vaughan and New Russell. Friends of South Canoe say its members are concerned over the location of the wind farm and the unknown health effects associated with turbines. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Sensitive wetlands

ATVs to face restrictions on former Bowater lands

Nova Scotia's natural resources minister says all-terrain vehicles will not be allowed into ecologically sensitive wetlands on the former Bowater lands.

The province bought more than 220,000 hectares of forest land in southwest Nova Scotia from Resolute Forest Products Ltd. in December.

Charlie Parker says ATVs will only be able to use designated roads in the area for recreational purposes.

The minister says the decision is based on the principle that the public should have access to public lands. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Arrests. Four people charged after police find sawed-off shotgun, drugs

Four people are facing charges, including one teenager, after police say a traffic stop led officers to a house with guns and drugs inside.

On Wednesday at 8:30 p.m., police stopped a car in the 0-100 block of Main Avenue in Fairview. Four people were arrested after cops allegedly found crack cocaine in the vehicle.

A search warrant was then executed at a residence on the same block and police say a sawed-off shotgun, a handgun and ammunition were found. Police also allegedly found cannabis resin, marijuana, cocaine and prescription drugs.

Donna Mason, 49, and Robert James Forewell, 51, were arrested at the scene of the residence. Police say both

face four counts of possession of drugs for the purpose of trafficking and nine weapons-related charges.

A 15-year-old male arrested at the traffic stop is also facing five counts of possession and nine weapons-related charges.

A 20-year-old woman also arrested at the traffic stop has been charged with possession. She was released from custody and will appear in court at a later date.

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Virus affects boys, too

Group wants HPV vaccine for boys

A physicians' group is calling on provinces and territories to widen their HPV vaccination programs to include boys.

The Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada says jurisdictions should follow Prince Edward Island's lead and make their programs open to both genders.

Recently P.E.I. became the first province to make the vaccine publicly available to both girls and boys.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Citizen applications

Feds aim to cut wait times

Canada's immigration minister says he wants to see citizenship applications processed in 12 months or less.

Jason Kenney told a Commons committee he is concerned about the backlog of citizenship applications in the system.

At the end of 2012, there were nearly 350,000 cases in the system, almost double the number since 2007. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Assisted suicide

Canadian dies with aid of doctor in Switzerland

A Manitoba woman won her battle Thursday for the right to die on her own terms, with the help of a doctor, before she could be consumed by a disease that was robbing her of control over her body.

Susan Griffiths, 72, died peacefully with some family members by her side at the Dignitas clinic in Zurich, Switzerland, a friend confirmed.

Switzerland is the only country that allows physician-assisted suicide for non-residents.

Griffiths did not go quietly, though. She went public with her story in the hope that Canada may change its laws.

"I sincerely hope that Canadian laws will change soon to allow individuals like myself to make end-of-life choices at home," she wrote in one of her final messages — an email to The Canadian Press on Wednesday.

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Your tax dollars at work

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says there's nothing wrong with the Conservatives using taxpayer dollars to finance a bulk mail campaign against Justin Trudeau. Harper told a news conference Thursday that the campaign is well within the rules of the House of Commons.

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Haiti. Colleagues in shock as Quebec priest killed after leaving bank

Members of a Catholic religious order in the Quebec City area were in shock Thursday after hearing a colleague had been shot to death in Haiti just one week before he was due to return home.

Richard E. Joyal, a 62-year-old member of the Marian order, was killed as he left a bank in the capital of Port-au-Prince.

Police said Joyal had just withdrawn \$1,000 at about 10:30 a.m. when two men on a motorcycle approached and grabbed a bag he was carrying.

The passenger shot him three times in the back.

Father Marc Turcotte, a Marian priest, said his colleague was in Haiti to help relocate students after the earthquake of January 2010.

"It's terrible news, it's dreadful," he told The Canadian Press. "I don't understand."

The religious congregation is in the process of closing its mission, which first opened in the early 2000s.

"We were trying to find places for a number of young people, seven or eight, where they could continue their



ID cards, cash, and a phone lay on the street next to the body of priest Richard E. Joyal after he was killed in Haiti on Thursday.

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studies," Turcotte said Thursday. "He (Joyal) was there in Haiti to take care of them."

Father Irene Breton, another Marian priest, said the mission was told it should close down its operations.

Canada sharpened its travel advisory to Haiti in December, citing high crime rates in various parts of the country and ongoing political tensions. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canucks to eat on \$1.75 a day

Hungering for change. Challenge to help create awareness of global poverty, raise money for charities

Could you live on \$1.75 a day and eat nutritiously?

Hundreds of Canadians are going to join thousands around the world next week in a challenge called Live Below the Line, created by the Global Poverty Project to raise awareness of poverty.

The \$1.75 figure is the Canadian equivalent of the extreme poverty line as defined by the World Bank. Some 1.4 billion people live on that amount for all their needs, not just food and drink.

Lost Girl star Zoie Palmer and Aaron Abrams from the TV series Hannibal are among those in Canada lending their voices to the challenge. In the U.S., Oscar winner Ben Affleck is planning to take the chal-



This curried vegetable soup costs \$0.50 per person to make. Check out Metro's Food section on Monday for Live Below the Line's recipes that cost between 50 to 65 cents and fit the \$1.75 per day food budget.

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lenge to raise awareness.

From next Monday to Friday, participants are asked to spend no more than \$8.75 total for all meals and drinks. They are not supposed to eat food they have on hand unless that cost is factored in. They can drink tap water. They're asked not to accept donated items from friends or family, though

monetary donations are encouraged to help participants meet their fundraising goals.

"For a lot of people, \$1.75 a day is less than they spend on their morning coffee, so it is a step outside of most people's comfort zone," said Erin Deviney, Live Below the Line's campaign manager in Canada.

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Tories promote tougher criminal-justice agenda

The complexity of including the perspective of victims in Canada's criminal-justice system was encapsulated Thursday in a single, 24-minute news conference on Parliament Hill.

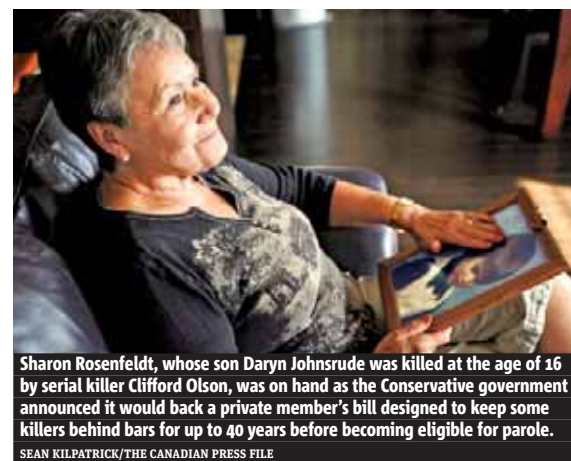
And it highlighted a question that too often goes unasked in official Ottawa: When does justice for victims become Old Testament vengeance on criminals?

"It's taken years for victims to try to get the message out that we are not these angry, vengeful people," said Sharon Rosenfeldt, whose 16-year-old son Daryn was one of the victims of serial killer Clifford Olsen in 1981.

"However, there is victimization whether you want to accept it or not. There is an aftermath to crime."

Rosenfeldt was on hand as the Conservative government announced it would back a private member's bill designed to keep some killers behind bars for up to 40 years before becoming eligible for parole.

The measure, which



Sharon Rosenfeldt, whose son Daryn Johnsrude was killed at the age of 16 by serial killer Clifford Olson, was on hand as the Conservative government announced it would back a private member's bill designed to keep some killers behind bars for up to 40 years before becoming eligible for parole.

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capped the eighth annual Victims of Crime Week in Ottawa, is the work of Manitoba Conservative MP James Bezan, who says he was motivated by the needs of victims of crime, not a desire to punish the perpetrators.

Where victims once lobbied successfully for the right to appear and make represen-

tations at parole hearings, some now say those hearings can be too traumatic to bear.

Bezan's bill would allow judges to impose sentences of up to 40 years without parole for murders which involve a kidnapping and a sexual offence against the victim — "the most sadistic of our society," he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Topless Kate pics bring criminal review

France. If convicted, a French magazine could be closed for up to five years, the photographer could face fines or prison

French prosecutors have placed the publisher and pho-

tographer of unauthorized topless snaps of Prince William's wife, Kate, under formal criminal investigation, they said Thursday.

Mondadori Magazines France and local photographer Valerie Suau were placed under investigation earlier this month over possible criminal exploitation of the images, which appeared in

Press freedom vs. privacy

"In France there are strong privacy laws, but don't forget it's a country also with robust freedom of expression."

Christopher Mesnooh, an American lawyer working in France

the French Closer magazine

last September, according to Caroline Chassain, a spokeswoman for the prosecutor's office in Nanterre, near Paris. Chassain added that Suau's employer, La Provence, was also under investigation. The photos show Kate relaxing at a villa in Provence sometimes without her bikini top and, in one case, her bottom partially down. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



A newsstand worker checks copies of a 2012 issue of Closer magazine which published photos of a partially clad Kate. LIONEL CIRONEAU/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Britain

Thatcher's funeral cost \$5.6 million

The British government says former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's funeral cost taxpayers \$5.6 million, mostly for security.

The bill for the April 17 ceremony includes money for policing by officers who would otherwise have been on other duties, funds for extra security and money for the service and receptions.

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Veiling dispute

Statues of nudes pulled by Greece from Qatar show

Greece has pulled two ancient statues of nude males from an Olympic exhibition in Doha after Qatari authorities insisted on veiling them.

Organizers wanted to avoid scandalizing female visitors. A Greek official who visited the Muslim country for the exhibition opening said the works should be displayed as they were or sent back.

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Soldier who lost a limb in Iraq at Bush Center opening

Retired U.S. Army 1st Lt. Melissa Stockwell, who was the first female American soldier to lose a limb in the war in Iraq, recites the Pledge of Allegiance as former President George W. Bush and former first lady Laura Bush look on during the opening ceremony of the George W. Bush Presidential Center Thursday in Dallas.

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Mississippi

Police, FBI hunt for suspect in poison-letter case

A hunt was conducted by air and land Thursday for a Mississippi man the FBI is investigating in the case of poisoned letters sent to the U.S. president and others,

a sheriff said, but the man's lawyer said authorities know where he is.

Sheriff Chris Dickinson said he was helping the FBI search Thursday afternoon. Agents told him 45-year-old Everett Dutschke had been under surveillance but authorities hadn't seen him since Wednesday.

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Terrorism

PM: Terror plots about violence, not 'sociology'

Stephen Harper says now is not the time to "commit sociology" in response to the arrests of two men accused of conspiring to attack a Via Rail train.

At a news conference today, Harper said the alleged plot and the attack in Boston are serious threats from people who have agendas of violence.

And he said he didn't want to convey any message to Canadians other than that the government utterly condemns such violence.

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VIA plot

Suspect's praying kept neighbour awake

An ex-neighbour recalls several confrontations with one of the men charged in an alleged terror plot because his prayers would keep him awake at all hours of the night.

Chiheb Esseghaier's former next-door neighbour says he knocked on Esseghaier's door several times at around 3 a.m. to ask him to stop making so much noise.

Michel, who declined to give his family name, said he told Esseghaier to feel free to continue his praying as long as he did so quietly.

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'New York City was next on their list of targets': Mayor

Boston terror investigation.

Surviving suspect says he and his brother planned to attack Times Square

The Boston Marathon bombers were headed for Times Square to blow up the rest of their explosives, authorities said Thursday, in what they portrayed as a chilling, spur-of-the-moment scheme that fell apart when the brothers realized the car they had hijacked was low on gas.

"New York City was next on their list of targets," Mayor Michael Bloomberg said.

New York Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said Dzhokhar Tsarnaev told interrogators from his hospital bed that he and his older brother decided on the spot last Thursday night to drive to New York and launch an attack. In their stolen SUV they

had five pipe bombs and a pressure-cooker explosive like the ones that blew up at the marathon, Kelly said.

But when the brothers stopped at a gas station, the carjacking victim they were holding hostage escaped and called police, Kelly said. Later that night, police intercepted the brothers in a blazing gun-battle that left 26-year-old Tamerlan Tsarnaev dead.

"We don't know if we would have been able to stop the terrorists had they arrived here from Boston," the mayor said. "We're just thankful that we didn't have to find out that answer."

The news caused New Yorkers to shudder with the thought that the city may have narrowly escaped another terrorist attack, though whether the brothers could have made it to the city is an open question. They were two of the most-wanted men in the world, their faces splashed all over the Internet and TV in surveillance-camera images released by the FBI hours earlier.

Quoted

"We don't know if we would have been able to stop the terrorists."

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg

Dzhokhar, 19, is charged with carrying out the Boston Marathon bombing April 15 that killed three people and wounded more than 260, and he could get the death penalty. Christina Dilorio-Sterling, a spokeswoman for U.S. Attorney Carmen Ortiz in Boston, would not comment on whether authorities plan to add charges based on the alleged plot to attack New York.

Investigators and lawmakers briefed by the FBI have said the Tsarnaev brothers were motivated by anger over the U.S. wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Based on the younger man's interrogation and other evidence, authorities have said it appears so far that the brothers



New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg speaks during a news conference Thursday announcing that the men accused of carrying out last week's bombing of the Boston Marathon planned an attack on Times Square. SPENCER PLATT/GETTY IMAGES

ers were radicalized via Islamic jihadi material on the Internet instead of any direct contact with terrorist organizations, but they warned that it is still not certain.

Dzhokhar was interrogated

in his hospital room Sunday and Monday over a period of 16 hours without being read his rights to remain silent and have an attorney present. He immediately stopped talking after a magistrate judge and

a representative from the U.S. Attorney's office entered the room and gave him his Miranda warning, according to a U.S. law enforcement official and others briefed on the interrogation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Imperial unmentionables. Emperor's undies not for sale, but hair sells for \$18K

Bidders looking for a pair of underwear worn by a former emperor came away disappointed Thursday from an auction of Austrian imperial memorabilia. But a lock of his hair sold for nearly 14,000 euros (around \$18,500).

Vienna's Dorotheum auction house had said Emperor Franz-Josef's linen would be put on the block, suggesting there was a chance that one of the ruler's patched undergarments would be put on sale.

But the only intimate apparel sold Thursday was a pair of silk long johns made for his wife, Elisabeth. She was assassinated in 1898 before ever wearing them, and that appeared to lower their attraction. The garment went for 2,000 euros, below its estimated value.

Not so the hair. Bedded in a worn purple velvet case, the silvery strands fetched 13,720 euros. Hushed murmurs rippled through the room as the winning bid was announced on behalf of Austrian restaurateur



A lock of hair from Austrian Emperor Franz Josef displayed in Vienna.
RONALD ZAK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mario Plachutta, who was said to own one of the world's largest collections of items from the imperial Habsburg dynasty.

"We've been concentrating on expanding the collection with special objects and the ringlet fits in very well," said Katrin Unterreiner, who bid for Plachutta.

As might have a pair of patched undies. Journalist and author Georg Markus said even Franz-Josef poked fun at himself for his reluctance to replace his worn out shorts.

"He would sometimes wear the same pair for decades," Markus said. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Biochemist digs for nose-picking benefits

Weird science.
Professor aims to get students interested in chemistry in an unusual — and gross — way

If you don't like gross things, this story is snot for you.

An associate professor of biochemistry at the University of Saskatchewan is trying to get more students interested in science by looking at the health benefits of picking your nose and eating it.

Scott Napper says nature pushes us to do different things because it is to our advantage to have certain behaviours and consume different types of foods.

Napper says mucous traps germs and stops them

from getting into our body, but if we consume that mucous, it could help train our immune system by exposing it to the germs.

So he says when children have the urge to pick their nose and eat it, parents shouldn't get upset.

Napper says he hopes to conduct a study where some type of molecule is inserted in people's noses and then half the participants pick their nose and eat it and the other half don't.

"I think the challenge would be getting volunteers to participate in this experiment," he says with a laugh. "Especially if you didn't know which group you were going to fall into."

Napper also says making science more humorous and fun keeps students interested and engaged.

"I don't try to convert them all to biochemistry. My



Soccer player Atsuto Uchida cleans his nose on the field during a practice. A professor at the University of Saskatchewan is looking at the health benefits of picking your nose. CHRISTOF KOEPEL/BONGARTS/GETTY IMAGES

goal is always if I can teach you one thing that you're going to tell somebody else about outside the scope of this class, then I've prompted you to think a little bit, to question these things and I think with this example, it probably succeeded in that."

Napper has two young

daughters and says the idea of letting them pick their noses, even if in the name of science, didn't go over well with his wife.

"Yeah, she's of a different opinion," he says. "She's more towards training them to be little ladies."

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Harpoons, robots could help rid space of junk



An undated handout photo for the European Space Agency shows a computer simulation made by the Institute for Air and Space Systems at the Technical University of Braunschweig, Germany, of the distribution and movement of space debris at present and in future. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/TU BRAUNSCHWEIG FILE**

Nets, harpoons and suicide robots could become weapons of choice to hunt down the space junk threatening crucial communications satellites currently in orbit around Earth, scientists said Thursday.

Even lasers that act like Star Trek tractor beams were among the proposals put forward to protect some \$100-billion worth of satellites from cosmic garbage.

"Whatever we do is going to be an expensive solution," Heiner Klinkrad, a

space-debris expert at the European Space Agency, said in Darmstadt, Germany. "But one has to compare the costs of what we are investing to solve the problem as compared to losing the infrastructure that we have in orbit."

Experts estimate that about 27,000 objects measuring 10 centimetres or more are flying through orbit at 80 times the speed of a passenger jet, Klinkrad said. Each one of those could destroy a satellite. And even

Cosmic junkyard

Concerns about the risk of space junk increased in 2007, when China's military shot down one of the country's defunct weather satellites in a show of force, inadvertently spraying orbit with thousands of pieces of debris.

vastly smaller debris can render sensitive space instruments useless.

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Peer pressure in the animal world too

Study. Monkeys copy each other in feeding habits; whales copy more successful feeders

Whales

One whale began smacking the water with its tail to help corral fish; others copied this. Now 37 per cent do it.

You don't have to be a teenager to want to fit in at the school lunchroom. Some wild animals seem to follow similar monkey-see, monkey-do behaviour to follow the crowd and find the best eats, new research finds.

South African monkeys switched foods purely because of peer pressure and humpback whales off the coast of New England copied a new way to round up a fish meal, according to two studies in Thursday's journal Science. "We're not as unique as we would like to think," said monkey-study lead author Erica van de Waal. For her study, 109 vervet monkeys living in groups in the

wild were given a choice of food tinted pink or blue by the researchers. One colour for each group was tainted with aloe to give it a harmless yucky flavour. After a few meals, the food was no longer tainted, but the monkeys still wouldn't eat the colour they figured was bad.

But that changed when some of them tried to fit in with a new group of monkeys. Blue-food eaters instantly switch when they moved to an area full of pink-food eaters, even though they shunned pink food before. Pink eaters also changed when they moved to a blue-food area. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



Some animals follow a monkey-see, monkey-do conformity in the quest for food, according to a new study. SCIENCE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Colorado

Well-groomed shoplifter sought

Authorities in Colorado are looking for a well-groomed man suspected of stealing more than \$2,600 worth of teeth-whitening strips, weight-loss pills, probiotics, condoms, Rogaine and other hair-growth products from several Walgreens stores.

Jefferson County sheriff's

officials said Thursday that the thefts happened April 11. The same man also is suspected of stealing from Walgreens stores in Arvada and Golden a day earlier.

Investigators say the man, wearing a sweater, tie, slacks and a neatly groomed moustache and beard, apparently used a coat that he was carrying to conceal the stolen goods; he would buy a DVD before leaving the store. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Boy Scouts of America

Mormons welcome plan to allow gay scouts, but not leaders

The Mormon church says it welcomes the Boy Scouts of America's latest proposal to lift their gay ban for youth members but continue to exclude gay men as adult leaders.

The Church of Jesus

Christ of Latter-day Saints posted a statement on its website Thursday saying it is satisfied with the proposal, which the U.S. Boy Scouts announced last week.

Boy Scouts of America plans to submit the proposal to its National Council at a meeting in Texas the week of May 20. The Mormons say the proposal recognizes Scouting exists to benefit youth rather than adult leaders. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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No job protection for pot users: Court

The Colorado Court of Appeals has ruled there's no employment protection for people who use marijuana. The court said marijuana use is still barred by the U.S. government, even though state-licensed use is considered lawful. The ruling comes in a case filed by a quadriplegic man fired after he tested positive for marijuana, though there was no indication he used it on company property.

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Retail. Some business areas need to be 'reset,' says Sears Canada CEO

Sears Canada chief executive Calvin McDonald says there is still much work to be done as the department-store retailer reconsiders what it sells in its stores and how many locations it operates.

"We don't have our balance 100 per cent right," McDonald said at the company's annual meeting on Thursday. "There are still businesses that we're in today ... that are struggling, declining in the marketplace and we need to reset."

A year into a major transformation, McDonald outlined to shareholders the efforts that have been made and some of the plans for the future. He said the company is about "halfway through" the changes.

So far, Sears Canada has managed to save about \$100 million in costs and McDonald hopes to squeeze another \$100 million to \$200 million over the "next few years."

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Sears Canada CEO Calvin McDonald attends the firm's AGM in Toronto on Thursday.
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Surprise plot twist! Cancelled soap operas are resurrected online

Daytime-TV drama. Digital programmers bet on 2 major series booted from ABC



Cady McClain as Dixie Cooney on the set of All My Children.
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Broadcast bust

- This resurrection could reverse the doomsday plot that has plagued soaps for decades as their viewership withered and their numbers sank (there are only four left on the broadcast networks; there were a dozen in 1991). It could also prove the TV medium failed soaps, not the other way around.

Taped to a wall at the entrance to the Connecticut Film Center in Stamford, Conn., is this greeting: "Welcome (back) to Pine Valley."

Pine Valley, of course, is the mythical setting of All My Children, a daytime drama that ran on ABC for nearly 41 years until it was snuffed in 2011.

But now, in one of those plot twists so common to soap operas but so rare in the real world, All My Children has been raised from the dead. Was its cancellation just a bad dream, from which the show is now awakening? In any case, AMC will be back starting Monday with much of its august cast intact,

along with shiny new actors to add more pizzazz.

But this time, it will not be on a broadcast network. It will be online. So will One Life to Live, another venerable soap cut down by ABC after 44 seasons. It, too, will spring back to life on Monday.

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Joe Fresh customers shocked at factory tragedy



A Joe Fresh garment made in Bangladesh is shown at a Loblaw's outlet in Montreal on Thursday. GRAHAM HUGHES/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Bangladesh. Death of garment workers in building collapse has shoppers questioning brand's oversight

As rescuers continued to pull corpses and survivors from the rubble of a collapsed garment factory in Bangladesh, some

consumers in Canada were shocked to learn that items from their favourite brands were made there.

The building collapsed Wednesday killing at least 238 people. Canadian clothing line Joe Fresh was among the customers of the factories operating in the building.

Natalie Erb, 24, shops at Joe Fresh at least once a week for everything from yoga clothes to office wear, she said. The

Quoted

"I don't know if I'll be buying from the line any time soon, or ever again for that matter."

Natalie Erb, a frequent Joe Fresh customer

news out of Bangladesh has the loyal customer disturbed about her purchases. "To be

honest, I had never really done much research into where Joe Fresh manufactures their clothing, but knowing what I do now, I'm hugely disappointed in the company," said the Halifax woman.

Joe Fresh parent company Loblaw released a statement saying some Joe Fresh items were made in the factory and offered its condolences to the victims and their families.

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Luxembourg. EU court upholds seal-products ban

Canada's embattled sealing industry was dealt another blow Thursday when a European Union court upheld a three-year-old ban on seal products.

The General Court of the European Union issued a statement saying it rejected a challenge from a group that includes the Canadian Fur Institute, the seal processing industry and one of Canada's largest Inuit groups.

The Luxembourg-based court said the existing ban is valid because it fairly harmonizes the EU market while protecting the economic and social interests of Inuit communities.

Terry Audla, president of the national Inuit organization, issued a statement saying the ruling does little to protect the Inuit.

"We Inuit have been telling the EU all along that the ban is not good for us," Audla said.

Inuit exemption

- Even though the Inuit have an exemption that allows them to sell seal products in Europe, the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami wants the ban struck down because the group believes its markets will dry up if a wider ban remains in place.

"But their colonial, holier-than-thou attitude toward us and their self-serving interests have not resulted in a fair or just process for Inuit."

The Nunavut government issued a statement saying prices for sealskins have collapsed since the EU ban was introduced, despite the Inuit exemption.

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Hunters kill a harp seal in the southern Gulf of St. Lawrence in this March 2009 file photo. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

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MONKEY ISN'T A BELIEBER

1 Don't get scroogled. Microsoft joined the ranks of Google's accusers regarding the search-engine giant's privacy issues. This is a topic of major concern to social-media users who were under the impression that self-posted pics of their drunken, topless night at Mardi Gras would be contained to immediate Twitter followers, and close friends of their Facebook friends.

2 Extra-terrestrial. Canadian astronaut Chris Hadfield has built a huge fan following from on-board the International Space Station. (Give him a follow at @Cmdr_Hadfield for updates.) His video tweets demonstrate routine tasks in space like brushing teeth and preparing food. Am I the only one who secretly wants to see him attacked by some giant, hairy octopus or a lizard in a cape? Maybe, but now you're thinking, "I'd watch that," aren't you?



The List
Mike Benhaim
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3 Lavish libations. The bottle of 50-year-old Glenfiddich single-malt scotch stolen from a Toronto liquor store this week was worth \$26,000? Does it come in a limo, with a supermodel, and 200 bottles of Patrón? I'm sure he only stole it after his co-signer fell through. Ridiculous.

4 Breaking the mould. Construction of the Edmonton Oilers' new stadium is surrounded by controversy over whether it would dishonour Wayne Gretzky to leave his statue outside the old building, or move it to an arena where he never played. Dishonour? You gave him his own freaky statue!

5 X Factor. Shocking news reports revealed that Khloé Kardashian Odom will not return as co-host next season. No reasons were given for her departure, but producers would be hard-pressed to find a replacement with the same laughable insight, clumsy teleprompter reading, and complete lack of experience and screen presence.

6 A believer? The deadline has passed for Justin Bieber to reclaim his monkey, which critics say was too young to have even been taken from his mother (or did they mean Justin?). The monkey, which once was set to lead a life of rock-star luxury, will now probably end up in the hands of someone like David Hasselhoff.

7 Hateration. A week after beating Kristen Stewart, Chris Brown and Kim Kardashian to top the list of most hated celebrities, Gwyneth Paltrow is People magazine's most beautiful woman. This is just like the time George W. Bush got re-elected.

8 Under the influence. Reese Witherspoon avoided appearances after her arrest for disorderly conduct. According to reports, police suspected husband Jim Toth of driving while intoxicated. The actress, claiming to be sober, exited the car, cursing and asking the officer, "Do you know my name?" He didn't. It probably didn't help that she yelled, "I'm Weese Rithersnoop, dammit!"

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ZOOM

Why so pixelated?

It's sew great! Art made of buttons

On its own, a button is rather uninteresting, but when Augusto Esquivel puts many of them together, the result is an imaginative masterpiece — like his version of Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa. **METRO**

Photog's perspective

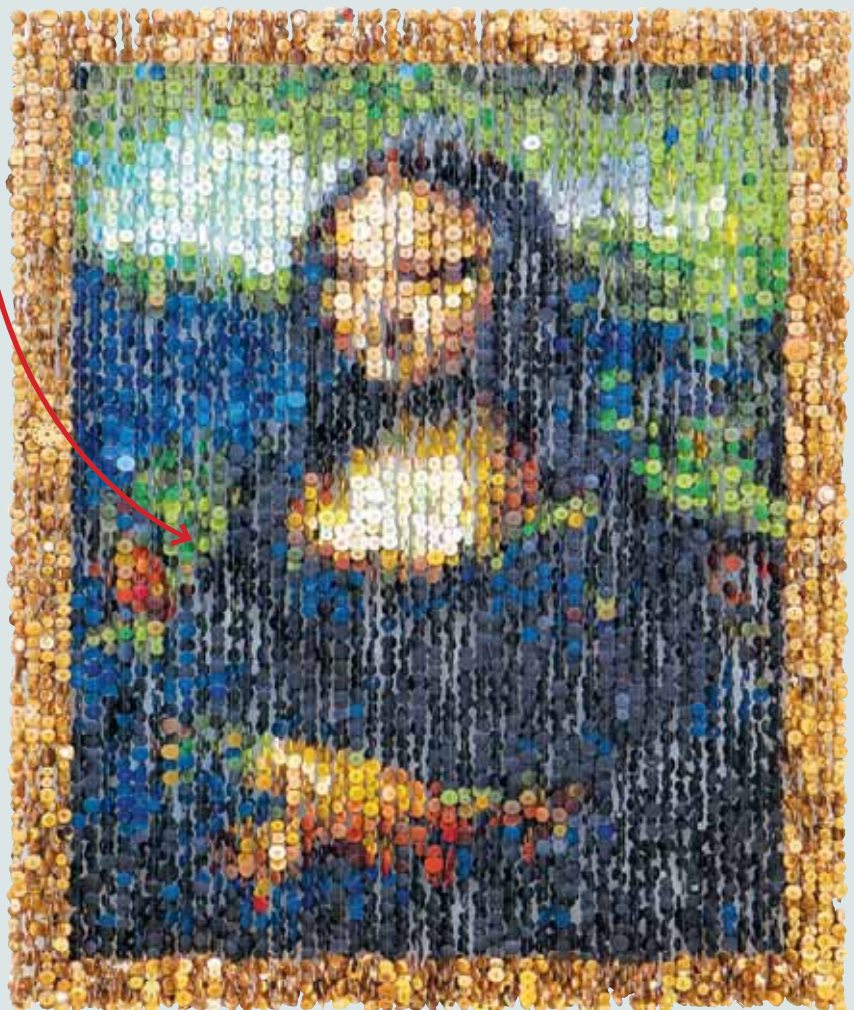


"I like the idea of something that looks solid and heavy but is actually light and inconsistent to the touch."

Augusto Esquivel, 30, artist based in Miami, Fla.

Every button needs a button hole

Esquivel's process of making his artwork starts with making an acrylic box with thousands of holes in it, from which the buttons can hang. He then painstakingly paints hundreds of buttons individually and waits for them to dry before hanging them meticulously in place. **METRO**



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Though it might not seem like it across this curiously cold country of ours, summer is (they say) around the corner. And as the sun comes out to play, so too do the spare tires we've been inadvertently grooming all winter (this is not to say those lazy mornings and greasy breakfasts weren't entirely worth it). But if hitting the gym isn't your style, click on these websites for fitness inspiration instead.

Fitocracy.com

What happens when a former fat kid and a video-game nerd get together to get fit? Introducing the gamification of fitness. Try to beat your personal best or your online arch nemesis.

Examine.com

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iron. Created by "informed skeptics," Examine is an editor- and contributor-run hub for nutrition and supplement information.

Whattoweartool.com

Created by Runner's World, this tool helps the new runner dress for the occasion. Fill in a few vague details (gender, workout intensity and the weather) and voila, a personal dresser for your runs.

Letters

I am a Muslim teenager living near Toronto, where the non-Muslim citizens of this country are starting to possess a negative point of view against my religion.

As a practising Muslim, I know that Islam teaches us Muslims to only live and die for the sake of God, but these teachings have nothing to do with terrorism. Forget about killing, even unjustly hitting someone is prohibited in Islam.

As a Muslim, I am uncomfortable about people around me thinking that all Muslims are terrorists. Terrorism has no age, setting, nor does it have any religion. These terroristic

plots that have recently occurred have absolutely no connection with the teachings of Islam.

Muhammed Bayraktar, Toronto

RE: Tories To Use Mail Privileges Against Trudeau, posted April 24

Amazing! After the initial attack ads backfire, Conservative puppets everywhere are now trying to bash him for not having a platform for running the nation. He just won his party's leadership race, the election will not happen next week. If you want to get a feel for his political views, a few searches on YouTube is all you need.

Jason Harris, Thornhill, Ont.

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Synopsis

The movie takes place in a modern ice age. Survivors found refuge from the ice and snow far underground in places like Colony 7, a community run with an iron fist by former military man Briggs (Laurence Fishburne). The underground ecosystem is fragile at best. "It's not the cold we need to worry about, it's each other," says Sam (Kevin Zegers). An uneasy peace holds until a routine call to Colony 5 goes unanswered. As Briggs and a rescue team truck across the blustery tundra to investigate, things at Colony 7 go all Lord of the Flies. Unfortunately it's an even worse situation at Colony 5.

- Richard: ●●●●●
- Mark: ●●●●●

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN



Kevin Zegers, left, and Bill Paxton star in *The Colony*. HANDOUT

Life on The Colony certainly lacks lustre

Standard sci-fi.

A group of feral cannibals provide some excitement from an otherwise cardboard-cutout script

Richard: Mark, I thought *The Colony* made good use of the situation to build atmosphere and tension. The icy outside and claustrophobic interiors (it was shot at the decommissioned North American Aerospace Defense Command base in North Bay, Ont.) do the trick, and keep you uncomfortable throughout. Shadows and creepy sounds stand-in for elaborate special effects, but when the going gets bloody,

old school nasty action effects — like a bisected bad guy skull — are effective and cringe inducing. Were you hot or cold on it?

Mark: Somewhere between tepid and lukewarm, Richard. Although there's nothing wrong with this movie, there's not much that is original or memorable. It's a little bit zombie, a little bit aliens, a little bit haunted house. The atmosphere and tension are well done, but that isn't enough. The real mystery is how they got Laurence Fishburne to appear in what feels like a superior direct-to-video release.

RC: I hear you. On the downside *The Colony* has many of the standard plot devices used in sci-fi thrillers — who doesn't

see the sacrifice of the metaphorical red shirt coming? — and the ultimate survivors just happen to be the good-looking ones who escape to Adam and Eve it up elsewhere. But it makes up for its deficiencies with some excellently feral cannibals and an ending that, while hopeful, is still bleaker and cooler than we might expect if this was a big Hollywood movie.

MB: I didn't find the ending bleak at all. What I did find bleak was casting Bill Paxton and giving him a one dimensional papier mâché role. Mind you, none of the characters were particularly vivid.

RC: Bill Paxton has been in WAY worse movies than this. I kind of liked the simplicity

of the whole thing. Reminded me of an old school action movie that stereotypes as a kind of shorthand to let the audience know what to expect. It's not the characters that are interesting — they're the standard hero, anti-hero types — it's their actions. This movie doesn't reinvent the wheel by any means, but the journey the characters went on entertained me. Besides, any movie featuring feral cannibals is OK in my books.

MB: Hey, I like a feral cannibal as much as the next guy; I mean, it's not like I'm a vegan. I was modestly entertained by the movie but I thought it could have been better with a few more rewrites. I will say this, though: North Bay has never looked better.

2 SCENE



I thought my fashion senses were tingling.

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Don Cheadle. When it comes to press tours, he's a real Iron Patriot

Don Cheadle's been on a pretty intense world tour for Iron Man 3, and it's beginning to wear on him. "I'm beat, but you know. It's the home stretch," he offers with a shrug as we sit down to start our interview in Los Angeles. That home stretch, by the way, is nothing to sneeze at: "We leave Thursday for New York, Toronto, it just goes on," he says. But when you're promoting one of the biggest superhero franchises on the planet — playing James "Rhodey" Rhodes, who suits up as Iron Man's government-sanctioned counterpart Iron Patriot — this kind of schedule is par for the course.

With a movie this size, I guess it's what you signed up for. Yeah, you forget that. It's like having a baby for a woman, you know. If I could remember this every time I did a movie, I'd probably just quit.

How was it different for you as an actor having Shane Black directing compared to



Don Cheadle stars as Iron Man's government-sanctioned sidekick Iron Patriot. GETTY IMAGES

Jon Favreau?

Well, having Shane be the writer of the piece, there's a lot more of a shorthand, a lot quicker sort of availability to the writer when we're going over the scenes and going through the scenes. There's a lot of improv that happens, but the improv is in sort of a controlled playground, you know? There's not a lot of improv that's happening on camera.

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The man that iron built

Robert Downey Jr.

The Iron Man franchise has been a big part of Downey Jr.'s comeback. Here the actor talks about the evolution of Tony Stark

JÉRÔME VERMELIN

Metro World News in Paris

After the huge success of the first two Iron Man movies, followed by the Avengers, were you even in the position to turn down this third installment?

I signed up for three movies, so I didn't have the choice. But I wanted to do it. I promise.

Did you have a say when it came to the evolution of your character?

Working on this kind of project, you're dealing with so many egos. A guy in a suit tells you, "This is the movie I want to make." And you're like, "Hang on a minute, what

are you going on about?!" Iron Man 3, is first and foremost director Shane Black's movie. He wrote the script together with Drew Pearce, another super talented guy. They spoke to all those involved for two weeks and then they disappeared. They came back two weeks later with a script that was 100 times better than what we had originally discussed. It was a surprise. Normally, with this kind of movie, you read the script and you think, "F—, how am I going to film this trash?" It's another kind of surprise.

After Avengers, is it nice to go back to being the main character?

We absolutely wanted to come back to something more "real." I have to admit, I love arriving on set and seeing how huge it all is. Bombs exploding and all ... Only, when I go out and watch a movie, I'm a bit of a snob. The most important thing is the relationship between the characters. In Iron Man 3, Tony has no armour and no Pepper (Potts, his assistant and love interest, played by Gwyneth Paltrow). He really has to fight.



Robert Downey Jr. is still super at age 48. GETTY IMAGES

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Drama



No

Director. Pablo Larrain

Stars. Gael Garcia Bernal, Alfredo Castro

No tells the true story of how a mainstream ad-man (Gael Garcia Bernal) helped design the political campaign that brought down Chilean despot Augusto Pinochet. By turning dour directives about dictatorship into fizzy, jingle-enhanced commercials preaching "happiness", No is both eye-opening and oddly humorous. Although filmmaker Pablo Larrain's use of vintage low-quality cameras and actual footage may jar moviegoers, the device ultimately accomplishes much more than nostalgic kitsch. **STEVE GOW**

Crime/Comedy



Pain & Gain

Director. Michael Bay

Stars. Mark Wahlberg, Dwayne Johnson, Anthony Mackie

The real-life tale of three Miami-based body builders (Mark Wahlberg, Dwayne Johnson and Anthony Mackie) who abduct a prominent local businessman (Tony Shalhoub) in a plot to grab his wealth is so outlandish that director Michael Bay flashes up a graphic in the last half hour reminding us this is "STILL a true story." Playing like an episode of CSI: Miami performed by the Three Stooges, this is a violent, funny movie featuring likeable actors playing unlikeable people. **RICHARD CROUSE**

Comedy



The Big Wedding

Director. Justin Zackham

Stars. Amanda Seyfried, Robert De Niro, Diane Keaton, Susan Sarandon

All the pretty lakeside country homes, big stars and cool clothes can't save this family gathering comedy from instant oblivion. Flat humour leaning on fart, barf and orgasm jokes and painfully inauthentic dialogue is just the start. The actors are clearly giving their all, but they're licked. Copping feels at dinner is about as funny as it gets. A blended family of one dimensional "types" dredges up its dirty secrets on the eve of the son's wedding; this gives them license to act out. **ANNE BRODIE**

Children of the screen

"I have a big thing about child actors, and that is I have an aversion to child actors who 'act' as opposed to child actors who can be natural, who can be real ... Scarlett Johansson was a kid when we did *The Horse Whisperer* and I was very concerned if a child looked like they were acting it would be like fingernails on a blackboard."



Robert Redford, who stars along with acting newcomer Jackie Evancho in the film *The Company You Keep*.
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Remembering

Winehouse documentary on tap

The director of award-winning film Senna is making a documentary about the late soul singer Amy Winehouse. The Winehouse family said in a statement Thursday that it had been approached with many documentary proposals, but Senna director Asif Kapadia and producer James Gay-Rees presented a vision that would "look at Amy's story sensitively, honestly and without sensationalizing her."

Celebrating film

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TV Picks

Happy Endings season finale

Happy Endings concludes Friday with back-to-back episodes starting with Penny's mom and Dave's dad announcing they'd like to adopt a baby. Meanwhile, Brad and Jane join an exclusive tennis club to get time to themselves, but Max learns of their plan. It's followed by the season finale, where Alex and Jane's older sister gets married and Jane is charged with planning the wedding. Meanwhile, Brad is left to tend to the fiancé, and Alex and Dave harbour a secret from the gang. (City, ABC)

Boardwalk Empire from the start

The critically lauded pay-tv series Boardwalk Empire heads lower down the dial Friday to reach viewers without premium TV subscriptions. Steve Buscemi stars as Atlantic City treasurer Nucky Thompson, who reigns over vicious power struggles and backroom politics. The slick pilot is said to have cost HBO a staggering \$18 million. (Showcase)

Star-studded White House dinner

The annual White House Correspondents' Dinner airs live Saturday with Julia Louis-Dreyfus, Steven Spielberg, Nicole Kidman and Kevin Spacey said to be among the



Steve Buscemi stars as Nucky Thompson in Boardwalk Empire. HANDOUT

glitterati on the guestlist. Hosted by Conan O'Brien, the hottest bash in Washington typically features the U.S. President himself delivering some choice comic barbs. Proceeds from the dinner help fund more than \$100,000 in scholarships. (CNN)

Vikings debut season finishes

Season one of Vikings ends Sunday with Ragnar assembling a party to travel to Gotaland (modern-day Sweden) to resolve a land dispute with the area's leader, Jarl Borg. Ragnar's renown reaches Jarl Borg, who is intrigued by the prospect of a new ally. Meanwhile in Kattegat, the plague takes its toll on the village and the people look to Lagertha to help appease the gods. For those who missed episodes along the way, fret not — a Vikings marathon airs right before the finale. (History)

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Global strife is why The Walking Dead thrives

Steven Yeun's opinion. Actor who plays Glen Rhee sees show as edgy outlet for those who foresee real life apocalypse

One of the stars from The Walking Dead has an interesting perspective on why viewers can't get enough of the AMC television megahit which has just concluded its third season.

Steven Yeun suggests the series, which is based on comic books of the same name, is tapping into a global uneasiness already out there.

The show stars Andrew Lincoln as sheriff's deputy Rick Grimes, who wakes up after being in a coma to find out the world has become dominated by zombies. Grimes sets out to find his family and any other human survivors along the way.

Yeun, who plays former pizza delivery boy Glen Rhee, joined the cast way back in the second episode of season one. "I think the draw of the zombie genre to begin with was always about the survival," Yeun said.

"It was always the idea of how do you come back from this apocalyptic situation and stay alive? I think for our show it's kind of cool, because in the



Yeun's character Glen, left, seen here blending in with zombies, has become a leader in the hit show. THE CANADIAN PRESS/AP/AMC

world there's sort of this global feeling of apocalypse, regardless of whether it's justified, or if it's just kind of with the financial crisis or whatever it is."

Yeun said it's no surprise that a shaky world economy or threats of a nuclear attack by North Korea are causing the viewing public to flock to the Georgia-filmed show in droves.

"It's cool to jump in and watch a television show and say, 'Hey, I might be that character in real life' and follow him or her the entire way through. It's definitely the characters."

He said he talks to people who say it's not even the type of show they would watch, but they're drawn in. For instance, included in the viewership is a high percentage of female

viewers, which is unusual for a sci-fi television series which is anything but short on gore.

"I think it's Norman Reedus, but he'd hate me if I said that," Yeun laughs in reference to character Daryl Dixon, who is one of the main zombie hunters. "He's a true badass and he has a heart of gold. If you're not dialling in to watch that, I don't know what you're doing." Reedus and actress Melissa McBride, who plays Carol, a woman who is the last surviving member of her family, are scheduled to be among the celebrity guests at the Calgary Comic & Entertainment Expo this weekend.

The fourth season is scheduled to begin in October and the show has not been shy

about killing off main characters. Last season saw the deaths of Lori Grimes, the main character's wife, Merle Dixon, Daryl's brother and a former lawyer named Andrea.

"You don't want to have that phone call where they tell you you're not going to live," said Yeun. "I think you make peace with it and ... to be a part of it in any amount is great. And if you die, they'll kill you off in the way that's most impactful."

Yeun's character has evolved from a cautious young man bent on survival in season one to a leader who has found a love-interest named Maggie and thinks nothing of going head-to-head with a zombie.

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Mad Men creator Matthew Weiner. GETTY IMAGE

Mad Men, mad fans, now mad creator

Conflict. After a slow start to season six, Matt Weiner talks about critics and defends the show's legacy and future

Mad Men creator Matthew Weiner has a message for critics of season six of the

AMC hit: "Fans don't run the show."

After waiting nearly a year for this month's premiere, some viewers have expressed disappointment with the new season. Speaking ahead of a Mad Men panel event at the Paley Media Center in Manhattan Tuesday night, Weiner likened fan reaction to the show to the arcade game

Whac-A-Mole.

"There's not enough agency advertising. There's too much advertising," Weiner said of previous fan gripes. "There's not enough Betty. There's too much Betty. Who is Megan? Why isn't there more Megan?"

Weiner noted people are still watching and advised fans to "sit back and enjoy where we're going." He said

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"There's not enough Betty, there's too much Betty. Who is Megan? Why isn't there more Megan?"

Mad Men creator Matthew Weiner
On the indecision and constant changing of tastes of the show's audience

headed, he did promise it "might be a little salacious, but that's what the show is."

Viewers did learn that ad man Don Draper (Jon Hamm) remains tormented and brooding and is now cheating on his new wife Megan (Jessica Pare). Weiner says he believes his lead character remains redeemable despite his flaws.

"We'll have to see what the world hands him and if he's able to confront a problem that's following him around that might actually be him," he said.

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he opened the season in 1968 because he believes it was one of the worst years in U.S. history, and while he remained tight-lipped about where the journey is

Swimmer Ryan Lochte on having haters. 'It means I'm doing something right'

What would Ryan Lochte do if he became the brunt of a joke? Ignore it. The 28-year-old Olympic gold medalist-turned-reality TV star addressed the ups-and-downs of fame at the E! Network Upfront in New York on Monday. He's experienced both in recent days.

A new reality series What Would Ryan Lochte Do? premiered Sunday on E! It debuted on the heels of an unflattering video that went viral over the weekend where he appeared in an interview via satellite with Fox affiliate WTXF in Philadelphia. The segment itself became the most entertaining when it ended. The anchors doubled over with laughter over Lochte's response to some of their questions and wondered out loud how producers would have enough material to put together a TV show about him.

On the E! carpet, Lochte said he takes any naysayers in

stride. "The way I look at it the more haters I have it means I'm doing something right."

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Taking it in his stride: Ryan Lochte isn't bothered by his haters.

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Ke\$ha heads to reality land with MTV series

My Crazy Beautiful Life. Half hour show filmed over last two years of singer's life

Ke\$ha Kardashian? Not quite.

The wild and playful pop star is a huge fan of the swarm of Kardashian reality shows, but says her new series is far from what you see on the small screen from Kim, Kourtney and Khloe.

"I have a love for the Kardashians; I'm not going to lie to you," the 26-year-old said in a recent interview. "I love that show, but it's very different. I do not look as pretty as they do — like at all. During my show, there's a lot of moments with no makeup at all, like I'm in a T-shirt running around in my underwear."

Six 30-minute episodes make up Ke\$ha: My Crazy Beautiful Life, which debuted

Tuesday on MTV. Her brother, Lagan Sebert, filmed the singer over two years while she toured and recorded music. The show includes silly moments backstage, clips of Ke\$ha making out with boys, as well as interactions with her fans, friends and mother Pebe Sebert, who co-wrote songs on each of Ke\$ha's albums.

In one episode, Ke\$ha stalks her ex-boyfriend, who was the subject of her 2010 tune The Harold Song.

"I bumped into him recently and I was kind of like, 'Sorry about that,'" she said.

Ke\$ha, who has a party-girl vibe, said some members of her team worried about what she would air on the show.

"I'm pretty game for most things, honestly," she said of what viewers will see. "There are issues that my record label has and my publicist, they don't want me to do lots of things, but ... I feel like the message has to be genuine for

me. That's why I am showing all the imperfections."

Ke\$ha's reality show comes five months after she released her second full-length album, Warrior, which features the smash single Die Young. The series could help push sales since the album has only moved 252,000 units, according to Nielsen SoundScan. It's not matching the immediate success of her 2009 debut,

Animal, which has sold more than 1 million albums and launched four Top 10 singles, including her breakthrough anthem TiK ToK. Cannibal, the EP she released 10 months after her debut, has reached gold status.

Despite that, Ke\$ha said that since releasing her debut she's been calling the shots when it comes to her career.

"Now I really run my (busi-

ness). I don't let anything slip through the cracks without me managing it, every aspect of it," said Ke\$ha, who will join rapper Pitbull on a co-headlining tour May 23 in Boston.

"Because the media can be very critical and if they're going to criticize something that I do, I want it to be very much something I was involved in."

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Ke\$ha. GETTY IMAGES

3 Songs for the Weekend



SOUND CHECK
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A royal musical scandal, a cassingle (remember those?) and the start of F. Scott Fitzgerald mania



Koningslied/John Ewbank

With a new king ready to take the Dutch throne next week, this official song — King's Song — was loudly rejected after the subjects revolted. You don't need a translation to understand why.



Alien Days/MGMT

A record store day release on, um, cassette? Were they unclear on the concept? New album coming in June.



Over the Love/Florence and the Machine

With another remake of The Great Gatsby due in theatres next month, you have to wonder what moneyed Long Islanders would have made of Florence Welch in 1922.

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Do you believe he's a stoner?

Justin Bieber's European tour hit another snag Wednesday night in Stockholm when police raided his tour bus, reportedly discovering a small amount of drugs and a stun gun, according to the Associated Press. A police officer working crowd control outside the bus noticed a suspicious smell and ordered the raid.

The substance found aboard is said to be marijuana and has been sent to a lab for testing. Bieber had vacated the bus half an hour prior to the raid to take the stage at the Globe Arena. Bieber himself doesn't appear to be letting the news get to him. "Some of the rumours about me, where do people even get this stuff?" he tweeted.

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Deschanel gets an apology

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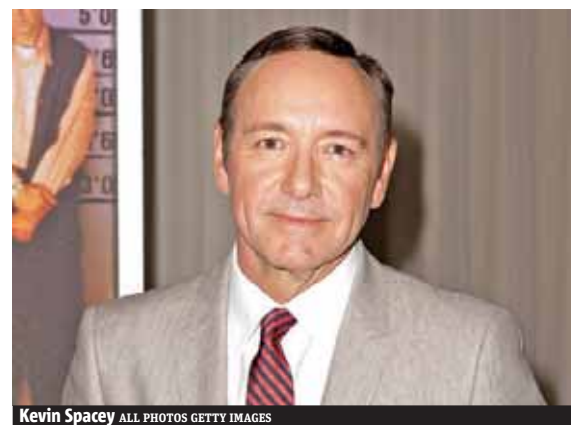
The closed captioning company that erroneously reported that the Boston Marathon bombing suspect still on the loose last week was named Zooey Deschanel has officially apologized to the *New Girl* actress. People.com writes. During Friday's hunt for 19-year-old Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, the closed captioning that appeared on Dallas-Fort Worth's Fox 4 read "He is 19-year-old Zooey Deschanel." Upon seeing the snafu for herself, Deschanel took to Twitter

to write "Whoa! Epic closed captioning FAIL!"

La Toya hears MJ's toe-tapping

La Toya Jackson swears that she can still hear her late brother Michael around her house — tap dancing, specifically. "Michael used to do that every Sunday for two hours," the former *Celebrity Apprentice* star told *Good Day New York*. "We go up there and no one's up there — just tap dancing. And the dog barks at his room, the window, every single night at the same time ... It's weird!"

Hmm. I don't know if I trust La Toya's hearing — after all, she must not have heard us when we warned her against more plastic surgery.



Kevin Spacey ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Politics ain't Spacey's deck of cards

He may have found success playing a Washington fixer on the Netflix series *House of Cards*, but Kevin Spacey does not have any political aspirations of his own.

"I'm a person who likes to set a goal and then

achieve it. I like to get things done," Spacey tells *Capitol File* magazine. "I would never walk into a profession where I'd (know) I was going to be frustrated for the rest of my life."



Jessica Biel and Justin Timberlake

Timberlake knows how to choose 'em

Justin Timberlake is feeling pretty confident about his decision to marry Jessica Biel, if he does say so himself. "Every once in a while, I can catch a glimpse of her when she doesn't see me looking," he explains

to Ellen DeGeneres during an interview. "I have this moment where I'm like, 'If you never make a good decision — if you only make bad decisions — for the rest of your life, you made one really good decision.'"

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While the thermometers across the country may be telling a different story, spring has sprung in Canada. Just because you still have to wear your winter coat to let out the cat doesn't mean you can't embrace all that's fresh and lively about the season.

The bright flavours synonymous with a spring menu can easily be found in a glass. White grapes like riesling, Viognier and Gewürztraminer offer floral aromas and plush fruit expression, no matter where they're grown. They also make ideal partners for casual dishes, especially this week's mint-led recipe.

Softer red grapes such as pinot noir, grenache and merlot make a perfect partner for mushrooms, especially if they come stuffed with a little spice.

A happy middle ground is a rosé or blush wine.

Though often accused of being the soda pop of the wine world, White Zinfandel's status has risen, lately, thanks to the popularity of wines with a sweeter edge.

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This recipe makes 12 appetizers. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

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Moroccan-Stuffed Mushrooms. This appetizer has a subtle but important addition

The addition of couscous, coriander, cumin and mint gives a Middle Eastern flavour to stuffed mushrooms.

Assemble the filling for this appetizer one to two days ahead, then fill the mushrooms just before serving.

1. Cut stems from washed

mushrooms and trim inside edge of cap to enlarge stuffing area. Set caps aside. Finely chop mushroom stems.

2. In non-stick skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Add mushroom stems, onion, carrot and garlic. Cook, stirring often, 5 mins. or until softened. Add cumin, coriander, couscous, stock, currants. Cover and bring to a boil; remove from heat and let stand 5 mins. Fluff with fork. Add parsley and mint.

3. Just before you want to serve mushrooms, heat oven to 200 C

Ingredients

- 12 large white mushrooms, about 7.5 cm (3 inches) in diameter
- 5 ml (1 tsp) vegetable oil
- Half an onion, finely chopped
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) finely chopped raw carrot
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) ground cumin
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) ground coriander
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) uncooked quick couscous
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) vegetable stock
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) currants
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) finely chopped fresh parsley
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) finely chopped fresh mint

(400 F). Fluff couscous mixture again and fill mushroom caps. Bake for 12 to 15 minutes or

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Grand opening: The Marquee Ballroom

The wait is over. The Marquee Ballroom Grand Opening is finally happening this Friday and to celebrate Halifax's own WINTERSLEEP will perform with special guest, Always. Tickets are just \$32.99 (\$27.99 in advance) and can be purchased at soniconcerts.com so get 'em now.



Ready, set, paint: Art Battle

The ultimate showdown returns to Halifax's Bus Stop Theatre. Armed with creativity, local painters duke it out for artistic superiority, bragging rights, and the chance to compete in the local finals on June 22 and then the National Championships in Toronto in July. Come cheer on your favourite contender. Remember, it all comes down to your vote. Visit artbattle.ca.



Laugh it up: Halifax Comedy Fest

Running through Saturday, the Halifax Comedy Fest returns to venues around the city with amazing comedic talent from around the country and beyond. Friday: Join 22 Minutes man Mark Critch as he hosts Gala of Laughs at the Rebecca Cohn. Looking for something a little more off colour, check out this weekend's Pub Shows featuring comedians like Deborah DiGiovanni and Catherine Robertson. Visit halifaxcomedyfest.ca.



Hurry hard: Canadian Gay Curling Championships/ Bluenose Bonspiel

This will be the fourth year the league hosts the Bluenose Bonspiel. The inaugural event was held over Labour Day weekend in 2010. Three years later the Bluenose Bonspiel is thrilled to be hosting the Canadian Gay Curling Championships. In true Maritime fashion, this event will not only be about curling but social events, good times and making lasting memories. Visit bluenosebonspiel.ca.



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On Stage: The Burning Hell

Hitting The Company House stage Friday night, The Burning Hell add Halifax as a stop on their latest tour for their upcoming album, People. The band recorded the album while on tour in Berlin a few days before they set a new world record for playing ten shows in ten countries in 24 hours. People is still centered around amazing wordplay and offers much more of a classic indie rock sound than its past work.



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Possible owners intend to keep Rocket on Island

A prospective ownership group has presented a Letter of Intent (LOI) to purchase the P.E.I. Rocket of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League.

The LOI has been presented to current owner Serge Savard Sr. and notification of the LOI has been filed with Gilles Courteau, president of the league. The group presenting the LOI has local provincial ties, and has solicited Island legal counsel to represent their interests in this process.

Summerside native Grant Sonier is representing that group and will act as the group's spokesperson. Sonier has had a long career in hockey and was an employee of a number of NHL teams. He has held titles of assistant general manager in the NHL and has held various NHL scouting positions after his professional coaching career.

"I believe in the game of hockey and I certainly believe the province and the people of Prince Edward Island want to keep this major junior team here. I am excited about the prospects of the team being purchased and kept on the Island," Sonier said in a release issued on Thursday.

"There is no doubt that the people involved in this potential purchase will be visible in the community. We have a great deal of respect for the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League, the president's office, the league owners and specifically the Savard family.

"We appreciate all that the Savard group has done to bring major junior hockey to the Island."

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Halifax Mooseheads forward Jonathan Drouin keeps an eye on the play as Alexandre Leclerc of the Rouyn-Noranda Huskies looks on during Game 4 action on Thursday night. The Mooseheads won 9-6 to earn a spot in the QMJHL finals. JEAN LAPOINTE/CONTRIBUTED

Another sweeping success for Moose

Final bound. Halifax outscores Huskies 9-6 to advance to first QMJHL final since 2005



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The Halifax Mooseheads have punched their ticket to the President's Cup.

Facing another test in their dominant playoff run, the Mooseheads passed with flying colours, defeating the Rouyn-Noranda Huskies 9-6 before a wild lamgold Arena crowd of 3,215 on Thursday night.

"It feels really surreal that we're going to the finals," said Nathan MacKinnon, who picked up two goals and two assists in the victory. "We're really confident. We blew

By the numbers

3rd

This will be the third QMJHL final appearance for Halifax.

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"We're going to wait to see who we face in the final. Until then we'll keep adding to what's made us successful."

Halifax Mooseheads defenceman Trey Lewis

through the first couple of rounds. We won some really close games in this series. We're confident no matter what the situation, we'll come through."

With the win, the Mooseheads sweep their semifinal series 4-0 and make it 12 straight playoff wins.

The Huskies came out with plenty of resolve, grabbing a 1-0 lead just 35 seconds into the contest. But the Mooseheads had a little magic up their sleeve shortly after when Martin Frk and Brent Andrews fired back-to-back tallies 25 seconds apart to give the Herd a 2-1 lead.

The Huskies were not prepared to go down easily.

Down 4-2 at the 8:39 mark of the second frame, the Huskies fired back with two straight goals in 17 seconds to tie the contest.

But like they have all play-

offs, the Herd responded, taking a 5-4 lead into the third.

MacKinnon basically put the contest away with two goals 90 seconds into the third period.

Jonathan Drouin and Frk also finished with two goals apiece, while Stefan Fournier and Konrad Abeltshauser rounded out the scoring.

"That's playoff hockey," said Frk, who collected four points on the night. "We keep saying it, but it's true, we just always stay on our game plan no matter if we're in trouble or not. We kept working hard all game and we deserved to win, and win the series."

Gabriel Desjardins collected a hat trick, while Marcus Power, Maxime St-Cyr and Dillon Fournier responded with singles for the Huskies.

Mooseheads netminder Zachary Fucale made 30 saves in the victory.

Armada-Drakkar brawl

12 banned after brawl

The commissioner of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League says he won't put up with any more violence between Baie-Comeau and Blainville-Boisbriand.

Gilles Courteau says he will impose a \$25,000 fine for "all inappropriate future behaviour" in the Armada-Drakkar semifinal series following a Wednesday-night brawl he called "deplorable."

The league suspended 12 players, fined another, banned both coaches for two games and fined the two teams earlier Thursday.

The punishments came after a bench-clearing brawl at the end of the Armada's 4-3 win on home ice over the Drakkar Wednesday night.

The win evened the best-of-seven series at 2-2.

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4 SPORTS

Jets' playoff hopes sunk

NHL. With Sens, Rangers wins, Jets eliminated from playoff contention

The Winnipeg Jets saw their playoff hopes end on Thursday night on two scoreboards they didn't control, even before they bowed 4-2 to the Montreal Canadiens.

The Jets were ahead 2-1 as they started the third but already knew their result wouldn't be enough.

Both the New York Rangers and Ottawa Senators moved out of reach with overtime wins that kept them firmly in the last playoff spots in the Eastern Conference.

David Desharnais scored two for Montreal. Rene Bourque and Brendan Gallagher had the others as the



Lars Eller and Francis Bouillon celebrate Rene Bourque's second-period goal against the Jets on Thursday night at MTS Centre. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadiens (28-14-5) broke out of a slump that had seen them lose five of their previous six games.

James Wright and Blake Wheeler scored for the Jets,

who finished the season 24-21-3.

Chris Thorburn and Wright teamed up for Wright's second goal of the season midway through the first period to put

the Jets ahead 1-0. Wright's wrist shot from the slot found the upper corner of the Montreal net.

The Jets were outshot 8-4 in the first and had managed only two more midway through the second when Bourque evened things up.

His shot from the faceoff circle found its way through a mad scramble in front of the Winnipeg net.

But Wheeler put the Jets ahead again about five minutes later when he dug a puck out of a scrambling Carey Price in front of the Montreal net and slipped it in.

The third was only about two minutes old when Winnipeg netminder Ondrej Pavelec intercepted Gallagher's shot, only to see it rise high in the air and bounce behind him, dribbling over the line before he could grab it. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Going, going ... gone!

New York Yankees second baseman Robinson Cano belts a third-inning three-run home run against the Toronto Blue Jays at Yankee Stadium on Thursday. New York won 5-3. JIM MCISAAC/GETTY IMAGES

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NFL

Chiefs use first pick on big tackle Fisher

The Kansas City Chiefs took offensive tackle Eric Fisher of Central Michigan first overall at the NFL draft Thursday night in New York.

The six-foot-seven, 306-pound Fisher became the first player from the Mid-American Conference taken to open the draft. He is the third offensive tackle picked No. 1 overall since the 1970 merger and broke a string of four straight quarterbacks taken first:



Eric Fisher was taken first overall by the Kansas City Chiefs in Thursday night's NFL draft in New York. GETTY IMAGES

Matthew Stafford, Sam Bradford, Cam Newton and Andrew Luck. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

NHL

Maple Leafs shut out Panthers

Phil Kessel scored two goals to lead the Toronto Maple Leafs over the Florida Panthers 4-0 on Thursday.

Clarke MacArthur and Leo Komarov also scored for the Maple Leafs. James Reimer stopped 34 shots for his fourth shutout of the season. Nazem Kadri had a pair of assists. The Panthers clinched the worst record in the NHL for the first time in franchise history.

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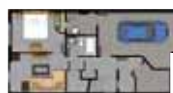
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March 21 - April 20

You may be independent by nature but lately you have allowed other people to lead you in directions that are not right for you. It's time to put a stop to it. It's time to reassess your autonomy. Do it now.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Speak your mind without fear but be ready for the backlash. Some people are a bit touchy from yesterday's eclipse, so it's best to steer clear of certain topics. Unless you're looking for a fight, of course.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

The planets urge you to keep a low profile over the next 24 hours. Your emotional and physical batteries are depleted and you need plenty of rest to bring you back up to par.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

Someone who is as different to you as is possible will inspire you to seek answers in a new direction. For quite some time now you have felt that something is lacking. Find out what it is.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Is someone in a position of power being nice to you because they want something that only you can provide? Or is their concern with your welfare genuine? It's the former.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

An opportunity is slipping away from you and you need to act fast. Most likely you have taken too long to make up your mind about it but you no longer have that luxury.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Keep telling yourself everyone is different and everyone has their own way of dealing with life. In the greater scheme of things everything, and everyone, has its place.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Yesterday's eclipse stirred up emotions and it may be some time before you get back to normal. Remember that applies to other people as well, so don't overreact if someone says something out of turn.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

If you don't feel confident about taking on some new responsibility, don't push it. The choice is yours to make and if certain people try to hurry you into making it, you should give it a miss.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

Steer clear of issues that are likely to be contentious. Even if someone asks you in a friendly manner what you think of a certain situation, it may be best to give an answer that can be taken several ways.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

You may find it hard to force yourself to be enthusiastic about something you don't much enjoy doing. But seeing as you will have to do it, you might as well make the effort.

Pisces

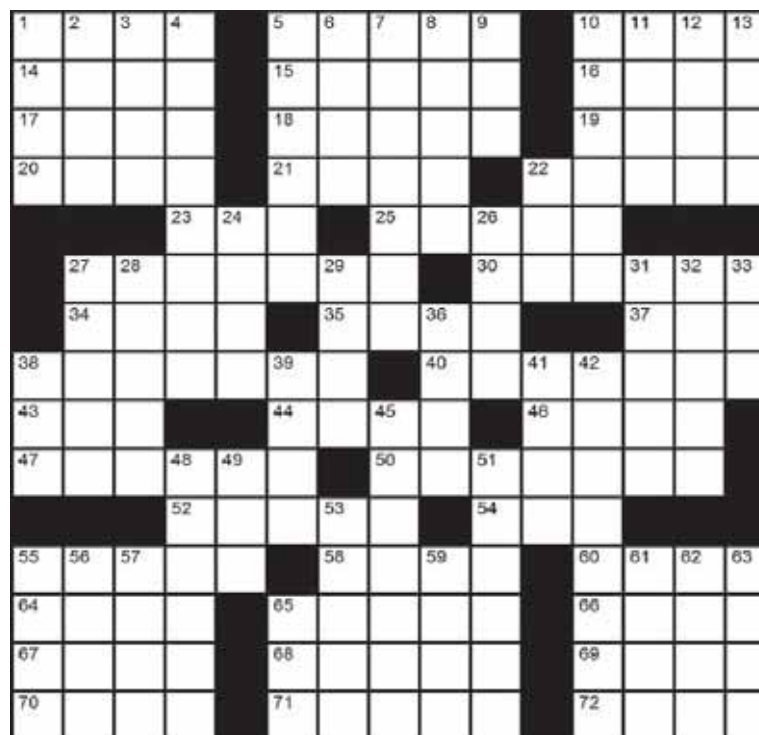
Feb. 20 - March 20

Don't ignore information that makes you uneasy. You can pretend it does not exist, but you are delaying the inevitable. Deal with it now while you're still in control. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. Throat-clearing sound effect
5. Rush lead singer Mr. Lee
10. ___ Spring Island, BC
14. Sandwich shop
15. Some chocolate treats
16. "Was that ___?" asked the first-time farm visitor
17. Hops-drying kiln
18. Messy fight
19. Time segment
20. On ___ (Without a contract)
21. Relaxed running pace
22. "Delish!"
23. Gardener's tool
25. Cartoon-guy Mr. Fudd
27. Bill and Hillary Clinton's daughter
30. Go by, as time
34. Drum ___
35. Baffled utterances
37. 'Creat' suffix
38. Canadian comedy brothers Mike or Pat
40. Dolce & ___
43. Expend
44. Ryan Seacrest, for one
46. Suffix meaning 'collection'
47. Harrison's Beatle persona: 2 wds.
50. Pilot



52. Creature
54. Grey shade
55. Not connected
58. ___ the curtains
60. Police K-9
64. 'Rice-A-___' The San Francisco Treat!
65. Not major
66. Thorned flower
70. Tennis great Mr.

- Sampras
68. Fragrant flavouring
69. "___ of the Century"
70. "Indeed!"
71. Actress Anne
72. Particular pronoun **Down**

1. Hubbubs
2. Bunch
3. Other
4. Singer/songwriter, Joni ___
5. Anne of Green ___
6. Mr. Saarinen (Architect of the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Missouri)

7. Flag, in French; or, Montreal's mayor during Expo 67
8. Carpentry pin
9. Couture letters
10. Earth's largest desert
11. Book of ___ (Old Testament book)
12. LummoX

13. PM Harper, for one
22. Ringy-ding-dinger, shortly
24. ___ podrida (Type of seasoned stew)
26. Geological flattop
27. Orange ___ (Soda pop)
28. Like a golf course
29. Taro root
31. Baby Grand, for one
32. Navigational aid-at-sea
33. Disney deer
36. Cable channel
38. Mode of public transit
39. Canadian comedian Caroline
41. Prejudice
42. Toronto subway station; or, a city in New Brunswick
45. Rolling Stones album: 'Their ___ Majesties Request'
48. Conan of late night TV
49. Web
51. "My feelings exactly.": 2 wds.
53. Be sparkly
55. Italian harp
56. Margaret Atwood creation
57. Poker stake
59. Snack
61. Ark's architect
62. 1970 rock festival, ___ of Wight
63. Be rife with
65. ___-jongg

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BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

Yesterday's Crossword



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Yesterday's Sudoku

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9	7	6	4	1	2	8	3	5
1	4	2	5	3	8	9	6	7
7	3	4	8	6	5	1	9	2
2	1	8	3	4	9	7	5	6
6	5	9	1	2	7	3	8	4
4	9	7	2	5	3	6	1	8
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3	2	1	6	8	4	5	7	9

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